Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

Dear Provider:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require State Medicaid agencies to enroll providers who prescribe to Medicaid participants. These requirements are listed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42 Public Health, Part 455. This means that any practitioner prescribing to Medicaid patients who is not currently enrolled in Maryland Medicaid must enroll immediately to continue to prescribe medications for Medicaid participants.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ("DHMH") has determined that you are not enrolled in the Maryland Medicaid program under the NPI referenced above, and are prescribing to Medicaid participants with this NPI. Prescriptions written by providers who are not enrolled in Maryland Medicaid will deny at the point-of-service. Your failure to enroll will affect your patients' ability to obtain their medications.

To enroll, providers should visit the Maryland Medicaid's eMedicaid portal at:

https://encrypt.emdhealthchoice.org/emedicaid/

When accessing Maryland's eMedicaid website, providers will have the option to enroll as either provider type 92 (prescriber only) or a more specific provider type affiliated with your National Provider Identifier (NPI), *i.e.* 20 (Physician). DHMH recommends enrolling as your actual provider type in the event that you decide to provide medical services to Medicaid participants in the future. In either case, the enrollment process is the same. Enrollment does not require you to provide services to additional Medicaid participants.

We value the services you provide to Maryland Medicaid participants and urge you to take the necessary steps to enroll. Please submit your application within 30 days of this letter. Starting fall of 2015, prescriptions written for your Medicaid patients will deny at the pharmacy if you have not enrolled. We appreciate, in advance, your cooperation to meet Medicaid's new federal mandates associated with prescriber enrollment. If you have any questions, or would like DHMH to send you a paper application via e-mail, please do not hesitate to e-mail the Prescriber Enrollment team at dhmh.rxenroll@maryland.gov. If you choose to submit a paper application, please include this letter as the cover page.

Sincerely,

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